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1. The raw material position for the textile industry is such that success of the Two Year Plan seems impossible. Present stocks of raw material will provide working material for only the first ten weeks of 1949.
2. The target for the Two Year Plan is 92 million meters of textile materials. This quantity will only be produced by making a width of 48 cms. This can be done because the authorities who worked out the plan did not stipulate the width of the material, and thus the textile mills could cheat on this point.
3. In a number of districts the working hours have already been shortened. In Forst, only 400 out of 1,050 looms are still being operated. Some stocking factories in the Chemnitz district are now working only 2 days a week.
4. Of the 40 percent of peace-time capacity which has survived the war and Soviet reparations, only 45-50 percent of the cloth industry and 35 percent of the stocking industry can be used.

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